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THE DISTINCTION IN THE GODHEAD Versus One Godism or Jesus Only

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19.

Divine revelation makes known to us the one true and living God. While there are gods many and lords many, yet He is the only true and living God who prohibits all worship being paid to any other being except Jehovah. The multitude of expressions contained in the words of the Holy Writ, makes clear to our mind and conveys the idea for a plurality in the Godhead. This distinction is generally nominated or described as the trinity, FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST.

The doctrine of the trinity has been controverted in almost all ages, and has furnished material for considerable debate. Men have endeavored to maintain numerous theories on this profound subject. Many have allowed their minds to be disturbed and have given up the true and tried faith in a recognition of the trinity, and have taken up with the new theories presented by the opponents of this doctrine and have suffered almost irreparable injury on account of it. It is our purpose in this article to present some of the representations of this subject as given in the infallible records of the inspired truth, and give due credit and honor to the FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST.

In the face of the numerous expressions, referring to the trinity of the Godhead, it is presumptuous to say that there cannot be three persons in the Godhead. The Old Testament writings lead us to this conclusion. In the very first word on the first page of the Sacred Book it is written, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In the same chapter, we find the plural expressions, "Let US make man in OUR own image." "Behold the man has become as one of US." Gen. 2:22, "Let US go down."

In this early dawn of creation's morning who could God have been speaking to, or what other beings could have been associated with Him, to whom He referred to as US and OUR? It certainly must have been the SON and the HOLY GHOST. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:1-3. "And the SPIRIT of God moved upon the face of the waters." Gen. 1:2. The foregoing Scriptures ought to be sufficient proof to any candid Bible reader that there are three persons in the Godhead, and that they should be so recognized in the great plan of redemption and receive

due honor and our highest praise.

The same view of deity prevades the writings of the prophets. "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Psa. 45:6-7. "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Psa. 110:1. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever." Psa. 136:1-3. "And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for US? Then said I, here am I: send ME." Isa. 6:8. "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Isa. 42:1. "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his spirit has sent me." Isa. 48:16. "So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. And the redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, sayeth the Lord." Isa. 59:19, 20. "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of host hath sent ME unto thee." Zech. 2:10, 11.

We have many striking expressions in the New Testament, exhibiting this triune distinction in the baptism of Jesus, and in His teaching and especially set forth in the great commission. "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:16:17. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." John 14:16. "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from

the Father, he shall testify of me." John 15:26. "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:4, 5. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST. Matt. 28:19. "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. And said unto them, ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men." Acts 5:30, 35. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." Acts 7:55. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Acts 10:38. "For I have not shunned to declare unto all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:27, 28. "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:5, 6. "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Rom. 15:30. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Cor. 11:14.

The divine works from the earliest dawn of creation as recorded from the Alpha of Genesis to the Omega of Revelation are ascribed to each of the triune persons of the Godhead.

Creation—"In the beginning GOD created the heavens" by the WORD all things were made. By His SPIRIT He hath garnished the heavens. See also Psa. 104:30.

Inspiration—GOD shall also reveal this unto you. The revelation of JESUS CHRIST. The HOLY SPIRIT shall teach you all things. GOD spake unto the fathers by the prophets the Word of CHRIST. Holy men spake as they were moved by the HOLY GHOST.

Holiness sanctified by GOD THE FATHER. Jude 1:1. "For both HE that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause HE is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11. "That I should be the minister of JESUS CHRIST to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of GOD, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the HOLY GHOST." Rom. 15:16.

Power—"God hath spoken

once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God." Psa. 62:11. CHRIST—"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matt. 28:18. SPIRIT—"Now the GOD of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye abound in hope, through the power of the HOLY GHOST." Rom. 15:13.

There are many other quotations that might be sighted on this subject yet it appears that this great variety of quotations already referred to, fully recognizes the plurality of the Godhead, therefore, we feel it unnecessary to further incur the subject by referring to the many others that might be considered as further proof. Remembering that in the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word shall be established.

In consideration of the foregoing proof referred to it appears that every doubt should be swept away and every lover of truth should glorify GOD our FATHER, exalt JESUS CHRIST our Savior and honor the HOLY GHOST, our Comforter and Guide.

At the baptism of Jesus we find the three distinct persons of the Godhead concerned in this wonderful event. After He had gone straightway up out of the water, the heavens opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him. This is proof beyond a reasonable doubt, that the SPIRIT was another distinct person for JESUS saw Him descending. Then the voice was heard from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved SON, in whom I am well pleased," which is another distinct person. How this Scripture can be perverted and made to be only one, is beyond comprehension.

After JESUS had been crucified and rose again, He appeared to His followers and gave them the great commission in which was the formula for the administration of baptism, which was to be done in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON and the HOLY GHOST. In this is the full recognition of the trinity, ascribing due honor to each one. In the face of all the reasoning that has been brought to bear on the theory of being baptized in the name of JESUS only, we are forced to conclude that this formula given by OUR LORD is the safest, and reflects no dishonor or discredit on the LORD JESUS Himself because He is thus included. Therefore, if the JESUS ONLY theory had any plausible backing, we are still on the safe side, for HE alone is responsible for the commission herein referred to, in which HE included the FATHER AND THE HOLY GHOST within Himself.

If JESUS were the only GOD and there were no other beings associated with HIM in the great plan of redemption, when He would so often resort to the secret place of prayer, who was He in communication with? Or when He hung on Golgotha's brow, with all nature disturbed and the great illuminary of the day veiled her face, and the veil of the temple rent in twain, who

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Leah Jeanette Lemons

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did JESUS cry out to in language interpreted, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Had the JESUS only forsaken Himself or was there another that He had been closely associated with on whom He could have depended was sustaining grace in this trying hour? Surely there was another THE FATHER, yes, it was Him, for soon He said, "FATHER into thine hands I commend my SPIRIT."

Our minds are carried forward to the picture of the first martyr with his face shining as the face of angels in a shower of stones. He looked up and the heavens opened and He saw JESUS standing at the right hand of the FATHER. This occurred after JESUS was glorified, and had ascended back to the FATHER and the HOLY GHOST had descended in miraculous power on the day of Pentecost. This is conclusive proof this late hour, that there were three persons busily engaged in the great work of redeeming humanity from the wreckage and ruin of a fallen world. In this scene, the FATHER was there with JESUS standing at His right hand, the HOLY GHOST having already taken up His administration in the world. In view of these facts, I am sure that in our worship, which includes the administering of the ordinances of the Church, that the FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST should be

honored and fully recognized at all times.

It is our glorious privilege, though weak and unworthy creatures, to approach the FATHER through the name of HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, and by the HOLY GHOST that should rule supremely in our hearts and guide us in the ways of all truth.

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We have some regrets well mixed with gladness which makes it not so bad after all. We regret that we have not been able to fill all the orders received for Sunday School literature. We are glad that such a great interest is being manifested in Sunday School work and that our literature is growing in favor with so many people in the Church and out of the Church. We expect to take every precaution to take care of the increased demand for the next quarter.

We have frequent requests from our members and friends to advertise in the Evangel. We are very sorry that we are unable to do this, as the Evangel is received by the Government and listed as a non-advertising paper, therefore, we do not feel at liberty to enter any advertising matter outside of the merchandise and publications handled directly by the publishing house. We are also advised that the Publishing Committee for well developed reasons decided some years ago that they would be unable to enter requests for raising of finance for any purpose outside of the general interest of the Church. I am not informed as to the reason and circumstances that brought this about. In view of this I do not feel at liberty to ignore their decision.

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We have repeatedly appealed to our readers to aid us in the perfection of our subscription department. If you know of any of your friends who are failing to get their paper, please advise us at once and we will give the same our special attention. We have investigated a number of complaints and found that some had moved and in ordering their paper changed they failed to give their old address which is very necessary. We have found others that had subscribed a good while ago and for some cause their subscriptions failed to be entered. We have entered quite a number of this kind. In a number of cases we have found that the subscription was entered and the paper going from here regularly, in this case the trouble is some where in the postoffice. At any event it is our purpose to put forth our very best effort to adjust every difficulty in the very best possible way. Don't fail to write us and give full particulars.

The Lord Blessed the Efforts of our General Overseer

To the Evangel Readers:

I want to tell what the Lord has been doing in Columbia, S. C. He has blessed the work here in many ways and I praise Him for it.

We were sure glad to have our General Overseer, Brother A. J. Tomlinson, and daughter, Mrs. Evans, with us from April 11-15. Brother Tomlinson held a convention during this time which was much enjoyed by the church. We also had our state overseer, J. W. Culpepper, with us. Although he was sick he enjoyed the presence of the Lord very much.

The messages that were given out by our General Overseer were fine indeed. The power of God would fall

at every service and men and women would leap, shout, dance and talk in tongues. Some of the time it looked like almost every one in the building were on the floor. I, for one, certainly did enjoy it.

We fully believe that our people were very much uplifted and renewed their vows to be better men and women. We would be glad to have our General Overseer with us quite often.

We were glad to have our visiting brothers and sisters from different churches with us. Among them were Brother and Sister Farmer and Brother Barnes from Buffalo, S. C. They seemed to enjoy themselves. Also Brothers J. W. Heaton and Harry Whittington from the eastern part of the state and Brothers Edd Johnson and Childers of Rock Hill, S. C. The church as a whole did their best to

make them feel at home. I was very much delighted to have the privilege of entertaining Brother Tomlinson and daughter. We all hated to see them go when the separation moment came. God bless them in their work wherever they go. May He be their shield and hiding place. May we be permitted to meet again, this side of the judgment bar, and enjoy the great blessings that come to them that walk uprightly.

May God prosper the great Church of God everywhere and while it is being refined and the dross taken out may it come forth as pure gold. We praise God for every member of the Church of God and especially at Columbia, S. C.

In conclusion we want to ask the prayers of all that read this that God in His own good way may keep each one of us under the hollow of His hand where He can use us for His own glory. We as a church are trying to pull together. We want to be able to hear Him say at the end of the way, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many." God bless everybody and may we all stand true a little while longer.

We have a nice church building and it well equipped with the necessary things for a church such as an organ, piano, chair, table, etc. It is well lighted with electric lights. This church is worth \$3,000. When I came here in 1921 we had no house. We thank the Lord for the way He has provided for us at this place. It takes unity and loyalty to bring things about. God bless all.

S. D. Cooper,
Columbia, S. C.

Victory at Logan W. Va.

We began a meeting here April 4 which lasted until the 22. Brother E. L. Simmons was in charge. He was assisted by E. C. Smith, the church and myself. There were 5 saved, 5 sanctified, 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 8 reclaimed to the Holy Ghost and 12 came into the church and more to come yet.

The meeting was well attended and we may well say that the church here has a splendid outlook and is growing with a constant victory among the saints and I am sure all are encouraged to press on. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet.

With love to all the saints,
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COMMENT ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

J. B. Ellis

The writer of this epistle which bears his name differs somewhat in his manner of teaching from any of the New Testament writers, in that he emphasizes the practical side of Christianity.

It is of vital importance to us who are living in this awful day of conflicting life and testimony, that is, living short of our testimony. To arouse a desire in God's people to make their lives measure up to their testimony is our apology for writing this article for the readers of the paper.

CHAPTER 1.

James introduces himself as the servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (V. 1.) In the days of the early church to be a servant of Jesus Christ was considered the highest honor that could be attained to one's name. How different now. Men labor to have long titles to their names.

I was amused a few days ago when my eyes fell upon the name of a man who couldn't parse a sentence to save his life, with a great imposing title to his name. I have heard him say that he never had the privilege of attending school in his life. A few years since he would not attach even Reverend to his name, but since leaving the humble Church of God, he not only attaches these titles to his name but confers them on others of his new original sect. When men leave the church they soon imbibe the spirit of egotism and seek to make a display of the flesh. The way up is down in the Christian life. If one seeks to exalt himself he shall be abased, but if a man will humble himself under the mighty hand of God he shall be exalted.

TEMPTATION

The first teaching in his epistle is on the line of temptation. Most of us fall to get the blessing we should from being tempted. He says, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptation." (V. 2.) The word fall is significant. It is as a man walking along and suddenly he drops into a well or hole in the ground. This shows the suddenness of the attack of the enemy, and often we are assailed without a moments warning. It is like a trap set for the purpose of catching something, the trap is concealed as far as possible from the eye of the object to be caught. So it is in the Christian life. Satan conceals his plans, digs his pit, sets his traps, and then places something beyond to entice us into his snares, and we are into the temptation before we know it. We usually raise a great howl and tell everybody how the devil has been making it hot for us; how mean our neighbors are, how mean our wife or husband are, and instead of getting the blessing God designs in permitting the temptation, we get the very opposite. These sudden attacks of the enemy are permitted by our God and designed for our good.

HOW TO TAKE TEMPTATIONS

He says, "Count it all joy." There has to be some counting done when a thing like that takes place. It is one thing to shout when your soul is just bubbling over with joy and quite another to shout when there is no joy, just counting that there is joy. It makes no difference what the temptation is nor how sudden it has come upon you, you must hold steady and count. Paul says, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Heb. 12:11. No it doesn't seem joyous but we will have to learn to count it all joy if we get what follows. (The peaceable fruits of righteousness.) The fruit is what we need, and the fruit is what we must have if we thrive spiritually.

We see a boy with a bucket in his hand pressing his way into the blackberry patch; the blood is running from his hands and shins; the thorns are sticking his body, and his shirt is torn and ragged. What does he mean by enduring such torture? I hear him shouting triumphantly as he fills his bucket with berries. What inspires him to endure such torture? A big blackberry pie and a bowl of cream when he gets home with his berries, so he sees joy in gathering, and he counts it joy. James says, "Count it all joy." It you get the fruit you will have to endure the thorns. The boy cared nothing for the thorns, he had his mind on the pie and cream.

The state of mind has all to do in meeting the responsibilities of life. Let's get our eyes off the thorns and briars and shout that we are counted worthy to suffer for Jesus and get our eyes on the things that are not seen, and get our mind and affections set on things above. This is the way the counting is done. Paul says, "Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Tim. 2:3. Jesus said, "Rejoice, be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matt. 5:12.

According to Jesus, Paul and James we are to count it all joy, and be exceedingly glad under the pressure of temptation.

THE OBJECT OF TEMPTATION

"Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (V. 3, 4.) We see by these verses that it is God's purpose to bring us to a state of perfection by allowing us to be tempted. While this is true it is Satan's purpose to overthrow us. We have in our hands to either prove ourselves true and about the victory in the face of the devil or we may yield over to him, defeat God's purpose and miss the rewards for faithfulness.

We observe what the temptations have to do with our faith. "Knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience." This is possible in

no other way than God withdrawing Himself, and leaving us without the joy and sweetness of our salvation, to be assailed by Satan who does his best to make us doubt our experience in the absence of our joy and victory. Happy is the Christian who is able to count it all joy in the absence of joy, lift his voice in praise to his God and shout aloud his faith in God and declare that he is happy in the Lord.

THE REWARD OF ENDURING

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." (V. 12.)

This verse declares that we are to receive the crown of life and that the Lord has promised it to those who endure. Now, dear saints, when our joy subsides and victory seems to wane, when all seems dreary and nothing seems real, let us not give down but hold on to God's unchanging hand, declare our allegiance to God, shout in the face of the tempter, and like Job of old, tell the devil though we die under the load, we will trust God. Bye and bye the clouds will clear away and the sun will shine again. The birds of paradise will be singing in our soul. Let us never give over to doubt if we do we will lose our reward, we will lose our soul.

O soul be on thy guard,

Ten thousand foes arise;

The hosts of sin are pressing hard

To draw thee from the skies.

NOT TO CHARGE GOD WITH TEMPTING US

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." (V. 13) To grumble and complain at God because of our being tempted is wrong. We should thank Him for having the privilege of proving ourselves true to Him, thereby, receiving added strength and courage to meet even harder temptations. Possibly the temptation referred to in this verse is different to the temptations mentioned in verse 2-4. In that it seems to be a temptation to sin while the first is a trial of our faith. In Gen. 22:1 it is said, "God did tempt Abraham." In James 1:13 it says, "Neither tempteth he any man." This seems to be a contradiction but when considered in this light it is easily understood. Abraham's temptation was purely a trial of his faith, while this is a temptation to evil. Verses 14, 15, show without a doubt that this is so. "Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

He does not say that that is the only way a man is, or may be tempted, but that it is the way a man is tempted to sin. I don't believe this is possible to a sanctified heart, and for one to have a lust or desire to commit wilful sin would imply that the heart was in a sinful condition, that is, it would be obligated to have the love of sin before it could lust after it.

Sanctified people have their temptations all right, and usually the most severe, but they are all on the line of trying our faith, and not to do some dirty low down sin. We teach that the desire of sin is taken out in sanctification. If so how can we lust after a thing we do not desire or want to do in our heart? No sir, I cannot believe that a man who has the spirit of Jesus is tempted to commit wilful sin, but his temptations are along the line of the trying of his faith in God and His promises, which if taken as directed by James proves a great blessing and makes us perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Not counting temptations all joy makes us unwise.

HOW TO OBTAIN WISDOM

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (V. 5.) Now, brethren, if we are not able to shout and count it all joy in temptation, this verse tells us where to go; go to God. We do not get this wisdom from educational institutions. It isn't taught in books. It comes direct from God and we may have all we need for our trial, for He giveth to all men liberally. Yes, and thank God, there is no one left out, He says, "All men." The rich, the poor, the learned and the unlearned, all alike may come and get this wisdom, neither be ye afraid, He will not upbraid you. He is only too glad to give it.

THE EFFECT OF THIS WISDOM

This wisdom is described in another chapter of this book, "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." Ch. 3:17. No wonder James said, that taking temptations in the right way would make us perfect and entire, wanting nothing. Who would not desire an experience like that? Like the boy in the blackberry patch, he pays no mind to the thorns till his vessel is full of nice berries and we, too, may endure the trials and shout our way into God's treasure house and come out with our vessel not only clean and pure, but we will have it full of peace, gentleness, mercy, and good fruits.

I ask, Will it not pay us to be persistent in this matter? We can't afford to miss all these good things. It is for us, if we will just learn how to count a trial of our faith joy. We are ready to agree with James that we are unwise if we do not know how to do this.

HINDERANCES

We will now notice some things that will hinder us in obtaining this wis-

dom. James says, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing from the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." (V. 6, 7, 8.) We see distinctly by these verses that our prayer for this wisdom will avail nothing unless it is mixed with unwavering faith. When we doubt our soul is like a billowy sea; the doubts like the wind just drives our faith away. First, we are in the attempt of exercising faith, then a doubt strikes our mind and we are tossed aside and fail to obtain. Brother, we will have to cast aside the doubts, believe God, do what He says, and stand there without a waver of the mind to obtain this wisdom.

In chapter 4:3 James gives another way of defeat, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

We cannot have any selfishness in our asking; it must all be for God's glory, and why? Because God is the source of all good, and every good gift comes from Him. There is no varying from His promises, not even the shadow of turning. (V. 17.) So we are without excuse everything is vouchsafed on God's side and as an encouragement He says, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." (V. 18.) O how God pleads with us to demonstrate our faith in Him.

I have often heard Brother McLain tell of how he was praying for some one who was affected in his mind, I believe, and God enabled him to say the work was done; while the man apparently grew worse, he sat in his chair and shouted the victory. It was a temptation of course, but he was counting it all joy. The man was healed. This is what we need; this is what we must have. Since leaving the carnal state and coming over in the realm of the Spirit, here is where our battle is, here is where our temptations come. May we learn to count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations. We will grow in grace only as we exercise ourselves in this way; the gifts of the Spirit will only be given to those who, by putting into practice these principles, reach that state of confidence in God that will take no denial, but look the devil in the face and shout for joy that the work is done. In our next letter we will finish this chapter.

A Real Feast With the Lord

We had a real feast with the Lord here at Swilley Hill, eight miles from Valdosta, Ga., the fourth Sunday in February. We gathered at the tabernacle with well filled baskets of good things to eat which we much enjoyed at noon hour.

The services began with good singing, then a testimonial service which was real food to the souls of the saints who know something about the bread of life. Our pastor, Brother G. I. Summer, then made a short talk with much love and power.

The preaching hour was given to Brother Rogers. He wonderfully explained the Church of God and what she stood for. He then set a church in order with nine members. There was shouting and talking in tongues. Praise the Lord. We were then dismissed for dinner. We turned to our baskets and had a feast of good things to sustain our bodies. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

Our attention was next called to the creek where six were baptized in water by Brother Summer. We returned to the tabernacle and observed the Lord's supper and feet washing. One sister saw a light on the rostrum while the saints were shouting. Pray for this little church to be obedient and alway do what our Master says to do.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. J. G. Swilley,
Valdosta, Ga.

A Good Meeting in Kentucky

One the fifth Sunday in April we had an all day meeting at Stithon church and also our district meeting with dinner on the ground. The saints were here from Louisville, Highland Park and many other places. Our overseer from Dahl, Ky., gave us a wonderful message that was food to our soul. The singing and music by our little band was much enjoyed.

We could feel the sweet unity and love that belongs to the Church of God. This will win the world because they can see that sweet loving Christ like expression in the faces of the saints.

We cannot praise the Lord enough for the good time we had. We had to move on the outside to accommodate the people. Brother Moreland preached a fine sermon and said that he was in the third story in the ark. As I looked at our overseer, Brother Randall, and Brother Cardan from Highland Park who led the singing in the afternoon service and other ministers it showed that they were in the third story as well as many of the saints.

We are still feasting as Sister Dever from Louisville stayed over a few nights and gave out the Word. Our little band here began to call on God and there were four saved, two sanctified, three baptized in water and two added to the Church.

J. F. Abbott, pastor,
Vine Grove, Ky.

1923 CALENDARS

We have in stock the 1923 edition of the Christian Life Calendar. Every month shows a beautiful Bible colored picture, and it gives a Scripture verse for every day. They are much nicer to have hanging on the wall than calendars that advertise medicine and other things inappropriate for a Christian home.

Price 30¢ each. Special price on quantities.

HIS EFFORTS FAILED—THEN HE FLED TO THE LORD

Walter L. Hindmon.

Dear Saints:

Since my childhood I have studied and pondered over the opportunities of life and wondered if I would ever be able to achieve anything in this life. Often I would imagine great things and build air castles, only to meet with opposition and defeat.

I first thought of making a fortune in this world, then the lack of an education stared me in the face and I saw I was to weak to stem the tide of the big business world where the dollar is the pass word. Then I said, well, I will join the army and perchance I can attain to some great fame as a hero.

I went off, clad in a uniform and proud of my position. There I met with the same opposition, the lack of an education. The examining officer asked me how far I had gone in school. I was then informed that my education was too limited for training as a military officer. I went on through my three years enlistment, only to be discharged and disabled. I thought, now, my hopes are all gone, no fortune, no fame and disabled for life.

It was then that I heard holiness preached. I said, "Well, my hopes have vanished as far as ever being anything in this world" and I fell in the altar and gave myself to the Lord. Here I cut loose from the world, joined the Church of God and went on shouting and having a good time in the Lord.

One day a still small voice began to speak to me and say, "Life still exists and opportunities are still afforded, are you at ease now?" I said, "Lord, I can't do anything, I am too weak and

the lack of an education hinders me." Then He said, "Get your Bible and read." I got my Bible and began to read the message, and it was this, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the truth." I said, "Lord, I read my Bible and go to Sunday school, what more can I do?"

Then it was that I heard of the Bible Correspondence Course. I said, That is the thing for me." I began to take it and liked it so well that I studied very hard; the devil got mad at me and said I was injuring my mind by studying the Bible, but I just worked on. Instead of going to bed just after supper I would sit up and study very late. By working and praying much I received my diploma and now money couldn't buy the knowledge that I received from the Bible through this course, even if it were possible for me to sell it.

By me being disabled in the army the government saw fit to give me vocational training. After me pressing my claim very hard they agreed to give me a course in the Church of God Bible Training School. I certainly do praise the Lord for the opportunity of attending this school. I have gone two years and my intentions are to go one more. I have decided that there is not anything to be given to us if we won't fight to obtain it. I say we can get anything we need if we have enough "sticktoitiveness" about us. I am now pastoring a church and I need your prayers that I may do His will and obtain the prize.

REQUESTS

H. D. Statum, Montgomery, Ala., requests the saints to pray that God will give them a tabernacle to worship in.

Lawrence E. Higdon, Vine Grove, Ky., desires prayer for the church there and that he may be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Lue Glover, Livingston, Tex., desires the saints to pray that God will send a Church of God preacher to that place and that she may know His will.

Mrs. Alice Moxley, Holcomb, Miss., asks the saints everywhere to pray for the healing of her body and for her father's eyesight to be restored.

Lillie White, Rienzi, Miss., desires the saints to pray that her friends may receive the Holy Ghost and that there may be a Church of God there so she can go to Sunday school.

Bama White, Rienzi, Miss., requests the saints to pray that the Lord will provide a way for them to have a meeting near there this summer and that her husband and two sons will get right with the Lord.

Mrs. Piety Miller, Ashville, N. C., desires the saints to pray that her husband may be baptized with the Holy Ghost and that her mother may be healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Also pray that she may have more faith and pray for the Sunday school there.

NOTICES

There will be a quarterly conference at Pates Temple, Miss., on Saturday night, June 12. We would like for each member to be present, but if you can't be there, please write us about your spiritual condition.

Jesse Daneshower, pastor, Red Bay, Ala.

There will be an all day meeting and dinner on the ground at Stithton, Ky., June 3, 1923.

The Sunday school will render a program and as it is our regular meeting day we will observe the Lord's supper and feet washing that night. All the saints are expected to be cut. Pray and come. Everybody invited.

With love to all,
J. F. Abbott, pastor, Vine Grove, Ky.

To the Churches of God in the Naugatuck District:

Our convention will convene June 21-24. Some of the best speakers of the state will be present to deliver interesting discourses relative to the church and its government.

Programs may be obtained by writing Oscar S. Carter, Kermit, W. Va. All are cordially invited.

E. L. Simmons, state overseer.

On June 9, 1923, D. V., we will begin a few nights meeting at Elizabethton, Ky. All are invited.

When you look upon this notice remember that we are praying for you to come over in Macedonia and help us fight the good fight of faith. You pray over it, and if the Lord will let you stay away, all will be well with us.

J. F. Abbott,
R. 4, Box 82, Vine Grove, Ky.

The district conference for the Locke district of West Virginia will convene at Princeton, W. Va., June 1-3. Saturday will be for business and will open at 9:30 A. M. Revival services at night and on Sunday. There will also be baptizing on Sunday just after the morning service. Our state overseer will be with us and do the preaching. All clerks and ministers are expected to bring their reports.

of Brother and Sister Harrison Waddell, April 22, 1923, and took their eldest daughter home, age 8 years, 8 months and 12 days.

She was sick only a few days. We prayed for her to be healed if it were His will but He saw fit to take her home. She talked in tongues before she died. We believe that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord and this gives us consolation.

She is survived by a father, mother two brothers and one sister. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

G. C. Snell,
Sturgis, Ky.

KENEDY

The death angel visited the home of W. Kennedy of Marion, N. C., March 9, 1923, and claimed his loving wife, Viola, age 28 years.

She was sick about three months and all was done for her that loving hands could do but God saw fit to take her home.

She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost over a year ago. She was not a member of the Church of God but loved the Church and her teachings.

She said that she was ready to go and her only regret was she hated to leave her little children.

She leaves to mourn, husband, three children, father, mother, two brothers and four sisters.

The remains were laid to rest in the Clinchfield cemetery in North Carolina, to await the coming of Jesus.

Her sister,
Addie Prince,
Jefferson City, Tenn.

PACE

The Lord called Brother Lee Pace home on March 10, 1923, age 38 years.

Brother Pace was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and was a faithful member of the Church of God at Freeville. He died suddenly. He trusted the Lord and loved the Word of God and lived the life. I have often heard him say that he wanted to be ready to meet Jesus.

He was loved by all who know him and especially by the saints and will be greatly missed at home and in the church.

He leaves to mourn, a wife and nine children.

The funeral service was conducted by Brothers E. C. Rider and Oscar Hamilton, and his body laid to rest in the Freeville cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Bitha Shackle,
R. 2, French Camp, Miss.

ABBOTT

On May 3, 1923 the death angel called at the home of our Brother John Abbott and bore his spirit away to God who gave it, age 29 years, 4 months and 4 days.

About twenty-three months ago he got his back broke while working in the mines at Christopher, Ky., and he never was able to walk any more. Since his awful accident God wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized him with the Holy Ghost and added him to the great Church of God. He said he never expected to walk in this world unless Jesus healed him but he knew he would walk in the next one to come. Loving hands did all for him they could during his suffering until Jesus said it was enough.

A few minutes before he left us he called his loved ones and friends and with a smile, said, "Don't cry I am going up to heaven." He leaves behind, a wife, one son, a daughter, mother, three sisters and two brothers.

The funeral services was conducted by Brothers Dickerson and Mooney and his body was laid to rest in Cornet Hill cemetery to await the trumpet sound.

R. H. Bell,
Christopher, Ky.

McFARLAND

The death angel came to the home of uncle John McFarland of Montague, Tenn., about April 30 and bore his spirit away to God who gave it, age 69 years.

His illness lasted about two or three weeks. He praised God all through his sickness. It seemed good to hear him in his last hours praise the Lord and talk of His goodness. He prayed for God to take him home where his suffering would end. A few days before his death he said his wife and mother who had gone on before, were around his bed singing, and he tried to sing with them.

In early life he gave his heart to God, then about six years ago Brother Hight, a Church of God preacher, came to Montague preaching the full plan of salvation and the Church of God and uncle John was one among the first to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He lived faithful to the end.

He leaves to mourn, three brothers and three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

His niece,
Gladys Smith,

BATTLEFIELDS

We have just closed a two weeks meeting at Montgomery Ala. Brother and Sister F. K. Watson were in charge. The Lord sure did bless. One was saved and sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost, reports, H. D. Statum, Montgomery, Ala.

We have just closed an eight days meeting at Bude, Miss. Our Overseer, Brother E. J. Rider, was with us and our pastor J. T. Priest. Souls were made glad. One was sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost and five were added to the Church. Some were healed by the mighty power of God and the saints were built up. Every one was surely delighted with Brother Rider's preaching and we are looking forward to the time when he can come back, reports Mrs. J. O. Newell.

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REPORTS

By the hand of the Lord it was delayed on my way west and I held a few meetings in West Florida. He blessed my labor by giving me some souls that were in a backslidden condition. They had gone back to Egypt and were in bondage. Some were sick and afflicted but the Lord healed and cleansed them and refined them with the Holy Ghost and added them to the Church of God.

We have a good little band of ten members on fire for the Lord for which we are glad. We have one preacher in the number. We are expecting more to come this way. Please pray for this little band.

Your humble servant in the Lord's work.

Walter Rush.

Dear Evangel family:

I want to report through the little messenger how the Sunday school at Kelleysville is moving on. For nearly two years the enemy has tried hard to defeat us but his plans have failed.

We had a real nice time Easter. The children rendered a nice program.

C. L. Whitlow, a merchant of Kelleysville, is the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is not a member of the Church of God but a strong believer and a worker for same.

After their lessons are over they march up one at a time and lay their offerings on the desk which is for the orphan children at Cleveland, Tenn., and then they march up to the organ and join in the singing. This looks real good to me. Pray for God's blessings to rest upon this Sunday school.

Mary L. Thomas.

We held a quarterly conference at this place and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother Arrington gave us a good talk on how the Bible was made and what effect it has on the nations. Thank the Lord for Brother Arrington's talk as well as the others from the different preachers. They will long be remembered by the people.

Brother Arrington and I continued the meeting for ten days. Brother Carpenter was with us a few days. There were 8 saved, 3 sanctified and 1 received the Holy Ghost. The work is still going on. Thank God for the true saints at Lancaster.

Martha M. Wagner, pastor,
R. 8, Circleville, Ohio.

Dear Saints of God:

We are in the last days if the Word of God be true, and we know it is. Thank God. I believe that the elect of God are soon going to live with Him. We have talked, sung, prayed and preached about His coming again and I think our talking will soon be over. Glory to God forever. I feel that quickening power on me now. My vessel is full to the brim. "And this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream." Acts 2:16, 17.

I just closed a ten days meeting in New Brookland, S. C. There were four saved, four sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The devil fought us in many ways but, thank God, we prayed on and He gave us the victory. Sunday night while a young man was testifying he fell in a trance. This was at eight o'clock and he never got up until Thursday night. He never ate or drank. When he got

up he told of things he had seen. This puzzled the devil but he had to sit down for it was Bible. Glory to God.

We set a church in order with six members. They are on fire for God and His Church. Children, be true a little while longer and we will go home to live with Him who died for us. Saints, pray that God will keep me true and on the battlefield.

Your brother in Him,

I. G. Roberts,
Cleveland, Tenn.

District Meeting a Great Success

I am glad to say the Lord is blessing here in Texas. We have just closed our district meeting for the Point district with sweeping victory. Brother H. N. Scoggins arrived Saturday, May 3, and did some of the best preaching of his life. Saturday the delegation began to arrive from each church which made our hearts glad.

We convened at Cherry Hill church this time and they surely made every body welcome. The power of God was upon every service.

Saturday night Brother Scoggins brought the message. His subject was, Let Everything Be Done Decently and in Order. The Lord surely set His approval on this message as He showed by the Word of God how everything we practiced was in order.

Sunday we met at 10 o'clock for Sunday school then we had a fifteen minute talk by the pastor there, then each church was called and the reports were made which was very encouraging. After this a nice dinner was spread which was enjoyed by all. In the evening Brother Clayton brought a very interesting message also Brother Scoggins. After which we had communion and feet washing, then closed with goodbyes. We believe that the influence of this great meeting will mean much to the church here in the future.

T. M. McClendon, district overseer,
Point, Texas.

God is Seeking For a Tried People

Dear Evangel Readers Scattered Abroad:

For three days the Spirit has said, Write! Write! Write!!! As I am in my room all alone just now I see heaven opened and angels with paper and pen in hand saying Write! Write! Write!!! Tell them, my children, that are scattered abroad that my wrath will soon be poured out, the last drop of the latter rain will soon fall and you will be able to stand? I am getting up a few now to try them out and to see what they are building on, hay, stubble or sinking sand. All must be tried out as fire as my Word says.

I want a people now that are of good material, those that I can use while the battle is raging high, and those that I can trust. O where are my people that I may work through them and accomplish my purpose and bring my Word true? I have many things to do and am looking for you and you. Hear my call now. O don't treat it lightly. Get ready! Get ready! I'm calling, calling, calling!

Dear friends, as I, with trembling hands and aching heart, sat in my room all alone with God, He told me to write and I have obeyed His voice. O I want you to take warning. It is God speaking, don't treat it lightly. He is looking for a tried people and are you building on Jesus Christ, the chief corner stone? Or on man's wisdom

and knowledge? Are we praying just because we are called on to pray in form or fashion or are we praying fervently with faith? Are our preachers working for quantity or quality, for money or for souls? Sisters, are you shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues and not living the life in your home and those you come in contact with as you should? One sister said she could not have victory at church when her husband was present. Why? Just because she did not live it in his presence at home.

O you hypocrites, God is going to soon call a halt to such things and are you able to stand the wrath? No, indeed. He said a true and tried people. Surely something is just before us.

Many, many times for the past few weeks my heart has been poured out fervently in prayer for the weak ones but that they will not fall under the cross but that they may look to Jesus and that He may hold them up and that they may be able to stand.

Dear saints, recently a message said, "Believe not every Spirit but try them." How are we to try them? By God's own written Word—the Spirit and the Word agree. It always has and always will. Praise God for the good old Bible. I believe it from lid to lid. Are you reading it to know if the Spirit agrees with the Word or not? Let us lift our heads and look to the hills from whence cometh our help. The enemy is pressing hard, trials are just ahead and deeper waters perhaps than we know but He said He would not let us be overflown, if we read His Word and apply it to our heart and life. Reading and hearing the commandments will never save us but blessed are they that do them. If we live righteously and godly in this present world we shall suffer persecutions.

A few of us here at Cleveland meet every morning in a home to tarry, wait and pray. One morning while we were praying for patience, grace and power God permitted us to see the rugged cross on which Jesus suffered and died. It hung over each of our heads, taking us one at a time while the Spirit was saying, Yes, I will give you patience, grace and power but it will come by the way of the cross and through trials which will work out for you a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, if you will prove true.

Sisters, when we pray for patience we get tribulations but the way of the cross will lead home at last. Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, no, there is a cross for you and one for me. I am going to bear my cross and go on. Are you? I have good victory in my soul and mean to be able to stand when His wrath is poured out.

Mrs. Janey Moore,
Cleveland, Tenn.

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Revival at the Auditorium

A great revival has just closed at the Auditorium. More than twenty souls prayed through to victory at the altar. Some of them were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Eighteen joined the fellowship of the Church. Others will probably follow. There was the best spirit of work I have seen in Cleveland during the three revivals I have witnessed since moving here. Not only were souls blessed at the altar, but the membership of the church is more closely united in love and fellowship than they have been in several years. I attribute the success of this meeting to two things, the straight forward earnest messages given out by Brother Lee and the earnest prayers of the saints. About an hour before the regular services started the old people would meet in one apartment, the young men in another and the young ladies and girls in another and oh, such praying as they would do. Every service was a good one throughout the entire meeting.

The devil sent the mumps, measles, whooping cough, and the smallpox to town but he failed to stop the meeting. For four weeks Brother Lee kept pouring out the red-hot truth and souls kept praying through. He is a great preacher and a good man. I heard in some way that he was no revivalist but I found him to be a successful one, and can highly recommend him to any one who needs a revival.

I am feeling happy in my work here. I love my people and they seem to love me. I preach some, pray some, visit some, read some, write some, plow some, and sleep a little. When I am not engaged at one of these things I am engaged in the other. I ask you to pray for us. We catch measles, mumps, grip, and "flu" just like other people. We take no medicine but covet your prayers. I do not plow for the money there is in it but for the recreation of mind, the health of my body, and the satisfaction of knowing how good a man can rest after he has done a day's manual labor. Then again, I want to steer as far away from this fashionable stuck up form of the ministry as I can. I desire to live in the hearts of the common people and have their confidence and approval. It is among such that I find real worth and character. God bless all, but especially the poor who can't fix up like some, they have a big place in my heart.

J. B. Ellis, pastor,
Cleveland, Tenn.

Have Given All for Jesus

To My Many Friends and the Household of Faith—Greetings in the Precious Name of Him Who Died for Us, That Through His Death and Suffering We Might Have an Inheritance Among All Them That are Sanctified:

I feel like writing a few lines about the work in North Carolina. We have been hindered somewhat this year in different ways. One was, we broke down in health and could not do all we wanted to. We felt like we were the wax bee, just hanging in the hive but the work has moved on anyway. Some (ministers) of the bees have worked just as faithful as if they had been a real bee, while some have been hindered on account of large families and little faith and some have been actually mistaken about their calling I guess for they have thrown up their job and gone to work at manual labor. But in spite of it all some of the good old faithful boys have traveled over the valleys and pulled the mountains and reached the top and set up new churches both on the plains and in the big mountains.

I well remember the wonderful time we had at the convention in those mountains when the General Overseer was with us. His wonderful messages enthused the workers until when there was allotted to them after the districts were divided into counties they said they did not intend to stop until every county of their work heard this gospel of the grand old Church of God.

We hear from them every little while and the fire has not stopped burning for we can hear them still crying out, "It shall be done if we have to go without money, we will walk and carry it."

We have heard the cry that the lost is found and the wanderer has come home and the sheepfold is set up and is safely sheltering some of the sheep in the Church of God.

As we stated above that we had been hindered on account of our health, I will explain the matter just a little.

In 1920 during the Assembly while we were praying for the sick and suffering we fought demon powers until we gave away in our bodies and came near falling but caught. I have not seen a well day since that time but have been going and trying to keep our work up. We have finally broken down and with no home to go to and no money. I have used all that I have gotten in these fifteen years in the work as fast as I would get it to put out in the work.

I am now going to ask all the dear saints to pray that God will heal me for His own glory. Heretofore I have been able to pray through myself but now the devil takes advantage of me and jumps on me while I am asleep. Then I am in such awful suffering until I can hardly pray at all. I have lost so much sleep and suffered until I cannot hold out to pray.

Now, this is something that I have never done much of, that is, to call

for prayer but you see that I need help. If the dear Lord wants me in heaven—I am sure it will beat this unfriendly world, with no home and no money. But thank God, I believe I have some friends.

Yours for the truth and the will of God,
Geo. T. Brouayer,
R. 2, Neptune, Tenn.

Good Sunday School Convention

We held our first Church of God district Sunday School convention in the Corinth district April 29th. This will be a day remembered by those that were present. There were three schools represented.

There was preaching at 11 A. M. Text, Psa. 45:1. After this the people spread their dinner and there were plenty of good eatables. After dinner we had the call and response of the Sunday schools. The Stockton string band played for us.

The Sunday schools represented were: Pates Temple, twenty-nine present, Emerson Collier superintendent. He made a good talk for us. Walker House, twenty present, with Jack Stockton as superintendent. Brother Stockton made a very interesting talk, telling us how the school had grown in a month or two. Then came Oak Grove with forty-five present and R. C. Grissom superintendent. He gave us a bit of history how the school had gone through dark places and come out victorious.

Each school marched with their superintendent as leader and with their banner waving as the band played. The sweet presence of God settled down upon the congregation as they marched and sang. I truly believe God was smiling upon the people as they were striving for the up building of the Sunday school work in the Corinth district.

Come on, fellow comrades, of the Church of God and let us lift our banners high and let them wave.

Yours for Him,
Jesse Danehower,
Red Bay, Ala.

It is Dangerous to Take Your Hand off the Plow

Brother E. J. Hanks, our district overseer and Brother Percy King have just closed a few days meeting at this place. We had wonderful victory in every service.

There were 4 saved, 5 sanctified and 4 received the Holy Ghost and a church was set in order with 18 members and there are others yet to come in. There will be a communion service later.

A Sunday school and prayer meeting were also organized. Many are looking this way and saying that this is nothing more than the old time religion.

God's Word, says, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

So we are still holding on to God's unchanging hand. Satan is busy telling many untrue things but God's Word will stand after the opinions of men are dead and gone and we believe God rather than man.

I praise the Lord because a few in this community have found the right road that leads from earth to glory. Jesus is saying to many like He did to Paul of old, "Why persecutest thou me?" "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Did He not say that there was not one sparrow fell to the ground that He did not see? Your life is of so much more value than many sparrows and He will see and hear you. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matt. 7:7, 8.

Pray for the church here that we may be faithful in the Lord's work and be ready for His soon coming.

Your humble sister in Christ,
Jennie R. Goss,
Fox, Va.

The Savior Led and Healed Her

Dear Saints:

In 1910 a little band of people came to the little town where I lived preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I was wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. These people were called the Trinity. I lived in that way until 1922 when a wonderful man of God, a Church of God man, came to the town of Branson preaching the full gospel, an organized church and I saw the light on it. I saw that we had to have an organized church, so I accepted the true light. Brother Scoggins came down and took us in the Church and she is wonderfully progressing.

There has been several miracles of healing done here. On March 18 my son-in-law, a singer, got a terrible blow on the head. His skull was broken in and he was speechless for three days and was healed through prayer and he is now all right.

I truly praise the Lord too for healing me. In the year 1915 I got my legs poisoned with dew poison and later they became ulcerated and were in a serious condition. I held on to God by the prayers of the saints, and my legs were in a standing condition for eight years but, thank God I am healed. I never can praise Him enough for His wonderful healing power. He is so good! We never can know all the good things God has in store for His children.

A sister in Christ,
N. J. Randall,
Branson, Texas.

God Poured Out His Blessings at Lynchburg, Va.

I want to thank the Lord because He has not forgotten the Church of God in Virginia.

I do not wonder at the Scripture saying, "In everything give thanks." I just don't know how to thank the Lord for the convention held at Lynchburg, Va. The dear old Church of God is going on at Lynchburg.

Brother Tomlinson sure did preach the Word and the signs did follow in the meetings. The Lord sure was good to us. He came down and told Brother Tomlinson what to say, and of course, He told us how to shout. I have never seen any one translated but if our state overseer was not translated he surely was not far from it. The fact of the business is, that the Church of God does not have but one thing to do any way and that is to serve God and feel good. That is why we are so happy. And the best is yet to come. Just wait till we all come together at the General Assembly this fall if Jesus doesn't come before then and if He does we will have the great assembly in the air.

Again I want to thank God for Brother Tomlinson and his band stopping over with us at Roanoke Monday night. Brother Tomlinson sure did preach hard but our little band could not shout for listening at the message. Brother Evans sang with all his might and his wife was faithful at the organ. Brothers J. A. Davis, F. J. Crowder and E. J. Hanks did not fail to say amen.

About all I can say for the congregation was that they were like birds with their mouths open and eating as it was handed out to them. There isn't but about forty of us over here at Roanoke, Va., with our big mouths open for food. If you have an extra bite you can do without drop it over this way. Remember we need your prayers. May the Lord bless all the readers of the Evangel.

Lovingly Yours,
R. M. Stover,
Roanoke, Va.

Feels Like Traveling On

To the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—and the Church of God Everywhere:

I wish to tell of the wonderful things the Lord is doing for me. He has saved me from sin, filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and gave me the power and glory and victory. Praise His holy name. I feel like going on. I was saved March 14, 1922. I am a member of the Church of God and I mean to make heaven my home.

I was eleven years old Mar. 11, 1923. I have only had salvation one year and six days. I do feel so good tonight. I feel like traveling on to my home in the skies.

Your little sister,
Ruth Crowder,
Toms Creek, Va.

Satisfied at Last

Dear Saints of God Everywhere:

I will try to write a little tonight to tell what the dear Lord is doing for me, and what He has done for me in the past. I am praising the Lord for showing me the light on His Church. I was saved at the age of fourteen years. I walked in all the light I had at that time. It was always hard for me to turn sinners to Jesus but I was always ready to teach a class in Sunday School or do anything I could to further God's cause.

Two years ago last August I went to hear a Church of God preacher at Brighton. I believed there was more for me, so I went to the altar and God did bless me. The next night I went back to the altar, and, praise the dear Lord, He sanctified me by His precious blood. Oh, it was wonderful. It just made me hungry for more blessings. I just kept on going to the altar seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The power would fall and I would get so happy but I never got the baptism for three months, but I kept right on seeking. I knew it was for me, for the Bible said it was.

In December, 1921, Brother Baney and Brother Durbin came to Brighton to hold a meeting and I began to fast and pray, and when I went to the altar I got great blessings and would talk in tongues a little, but I was not satisfied, so I just kept going. On the 23rd of December I was at the altar tarrying for the baptism. I couldn't speak or move, but all at once I saw people going by me; Chinese, Japanese and all kinds of foreign people and I began to talk. It seemed that I was talking to them as they passed. I do not know how long I talked but some said I talked two hours. I did not know what was going on in the church only I knew there was a great peace in my soul. I knew when I came out of it that I had the real Holy Ghost. Praise God for the Comforter that still abides.

I just want to tell every body about this wonderful salvation. I cannot preach, but, praise God, I can take my Bible and go out to visit homes of the poor and read the dear old story of Jesus' love, and pray with the people. It fills my soul with joy to work for God. So many say you have something I have not, and I want it. Glory to Jesus, how I love my Saviour. I tell them they can have the same blessing if they will only seek for it with their whole heart.

My old friends have all turned me down because of the way, but I would rather serve God than enjoy their so called pleasures. They say that all

I can think of or talk about is the Holy Ghost or talking in tongues. But they do not understand.

I am just praying that they will see the light on the Church of God and that they will be honest enough to accept it. Oh, I love my Saviour for He is so precious to me.

Husband and I try to live every day so that the people can see we are living the life. My husband used to be a slave to tobacco, had a pipe in his mouth most all the time or a chew of tobacco, but when God sanctified him he took the desire away from him. Oh, dear sisters, if you have a husband who has not been saved, just keep sweet with him and pray that God will save him, for He will hear your cry. Praise His name forever. He saved my husband, sanctified and baptized him with the Holy Ghost all in one week. He said that he knew that I had something I had never had before. So he began to seek for the Saviour, and he found Him too. Praise God forever.

I ask an interest in your prayers that I may stay humble at Jesus' feet.
Lucy Raney,
Springfield, Mo.

Working to Get the Church Established in New Orleans

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise for our blessed Savior. I am glad this morning I can report victory over sin and the devil. I am glad to say I can feel the presence of my precious Saviour while I write.

Husband and I are saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and belong to the dear old Church of God, and hope to be in the crowd that will go up when Jesus comes. Hallelujah! We belong to the little church at Johnson Grove, Summit, Miss., but we are now in the wicked city of New Orleans and there isn't a Church of God here. We have met a few Church of God people in and around the city.

There are some good people at Violet, La., about nine miles out from New Orleans. We have a little Sunday school started out there. Nearly all the people in New Orleans are Catholics. Some of them don't know anything about our blessed Savior. Some Catholic people come to our home to hear us sing and pray and some are getting interested. We tell them about Jesus and His power to save, and about the blessed Holy Ghost. I am so glad that I am not ashamed of this great gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation.

Dear saints, we ought to wake up and cry out to God and say, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" Jesus is soon coming, we ought to get busy. If there ever were a place that needs a Church of God it is in New Orleans. We are praying that God will open a way for us to have a place to preach His Word.

Brother Richard of Kentwood, La., is coming down as soon as he can and help us get a mission started here in this city. We are going to begin a prayer meeting in our home. If there are any Church of God people in and around New Orleans that we haven't met, we would be glad to have them help us. Call at 1404 Magazine St.

If any of the members of the Church of God at Bogalusa, La., reads this, I would be glad if they would write me.

I ask all the saints who read this to pray for us that we will stand true, and be the means of helping some poor lost soul to find Jesus.

Yours sister in Christ,
Mrs. Thomas Brown,
1404 Magazine St.,
New Orleans, La.

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The Lord Will Provide Some Way

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I want to ring out a few words of praise through the Evangel and tell my many friends how God is blessing here at Portland, Tenn.

Twenty months ago God sanctified me. Fourteen months ago He baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and called to me and said, "Go ye and preach my gospel." I was in Nashville at that time attending a revival with Brother T. A. Richard, the pastor. I came to Portland, my old home place, and preached my first sermon. The people here knew nothing about the Church of God, and of course Satan got wide awake and got on his job, but in spite of all his howls and growls, we soon had a church organized with thirteen members on fire for God.

I do praise God for this little band of Christian workers and ask the prayers of all the saints that God will continue His great blessings as we have been undergoing a great struggle trying to build our new church. The church we were using was burned last fall. We have had our services and Sunday school from house to house until we could build us a church, but I thank God today from the very depths of my heart, that He has provided a way after all. He has fixed it in His own good way. And we mean to give Him all the glory. Oh, how I pray that all the members of God's great Church will wake out in the great deep ocean of God's eternal love and go forth and conquer this great foe. I realize what we do must do it quickly for the day is fast spent.

Dear ones, I want to say for one, I mean to be a loyal member and keep at my place, if it is nothing but a door keeper. Praise God for salvation that makes us willing to stay in our place for Jesus. I don't know what it will cost me to own a home in heaven, but, glory to God, it will pay after all. I sometimes look through the gloom and the great darkness that surrounds me here and try to picture out the beauty of heaven, and what it will mean to us when we get to exchange a cross for a crown.

Saints, let's get busy. The harvest is too ripe to idle a moment. I can almost hear the voice of Jesus saying, look up your redemption draweth nigh. Now, just a word for the Bible school boys. If my captain never lets me leave the battle to meet you face to face here, you will find me some where in glory telling the old story of Jesus. It will be then, that we won't have to say goodbye. I want to ask each and every one who reads this to remember me in prayer.

Robert L. Gregory,
Portland, Tenn.

He Will Protect You in the Storms

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name: While reading some testimonies in the Evangel, which I have just received, God put it upon my heart to write a testimony to be put in the Evangel of some of the things God has done for me. Beloved, it is wonderful to have such a Saviour as Jesus. Praise His dear name.

I am praising God because He has saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me by His precious blood, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Bless His name! I have no other desire in my heart but to follow Jesus. Beloved, almost three years ago we moved here near Stiles Station, Ky., and obtained permission to have preaching in a little church called the light house. Sister Bohman came and preached for us several times then the trustees closed the house against us, but, praise God, husband rented a hall in Stiles and we had several meetings there, but we could not get any one to come regular. First one preached and then another came and preached for us, but every one seemed to have all the appointments they could fill and we could not get anyone interested enough to take the work. We wanted to have a revival so people could get saved and we could start a Sunday school, but we couldn't get anyone to come and hold one for us and after praying and trying in every way we could for almost a year, husband and I became discouraged and gave up the work. We felt too weak to try to do anything without someone to help us.

Beloved, we were so burdened for this place and prayed so earnestly for God to send some one to help us, but at last we became discouraged and gave it up, but, praise God, at last He has answered our prayers after a year and eight months. It has been a long time since we have had any services here but God has sent Brother and Sister Carden here. They have been here two nights, and some of the dear ones from Highland Park, and we have had two good meetings. God wonderfully blessed in the services and we feel like Brother Carden will keep on coming and that God will work here. People were very much interested and the house was full the second meeting. Praise God! Brother Blevins got permission to hold the services in the light house again. The same man that shut the doors against us said we could have the house as long as we wanted it. Praise God!

We want all the saints of God to pray for this place that God will gather a people out of it for Himself. Praise His dear name.

There is another thing I want to say. Two weeks ago last night, husband and I and our five children were

caught out in the storm that swept away a part of Kentucky and Tennessee as we came home from church from Louisville. We were in a touring car and sitting in the road on an elevated place where the wind had a clear sweep at us, with nothing to protect us from its fury. Trees were blowing down a short distance from us and a part of a barn blew down and also a machine a short distance from us blew over into the fence, but, praise God, there we sat and our machine never moved. We were praising God and shouting and talking in tongues. Praise God.

I know it was the mighty power of God that kept us from blowing out of the road or even moving the car. Beloved, it was an awful storm, but we are trusting in God, the one that is able to do all things, and, bless His name, Jesus was with us and watching over us. Oh, I am so glad I am serving such a God. There were so many machines on that same road that night that were blown out of the road, some into fences and some over into fields. I am praising God, beloved, because I know it was only by His mighty power that kept us from blowing away.

Pray for me and my family, dear saints, that God will use each one of us in His service in some way.

We all trust God for our healing. Praise His dear name. We have taken Him for our healer for the past four years. He has healed all of us several times. Praise God, it is wonderful what Jesus will do or us if we but trust Him. I am so glad I ever learned to trust Him. I want to be a faithful servant and work for Jesus and help to lead others into the light. There are only two families here that belong to the Church of God.

Brother and Sister Blevins are interested in the work here now, so please pray that God will use each one of us in some way and have His own precious way with each one of us, and keep us humble and low at the foot of the cross.

May God bless Brother and Sister Carden's efforts here and bless all of the saints of God everywhere. With love for all the saints of God, I am

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Robert Ayers,
Valley Station, Ky.

Don't Forget Children's Day

Every church and Sunday School should make all necessary preparations for a great day for the children on June 10. We will take pleasure in aiding you in every way possible.

The campaign should start now with every active worker at his post for twenty-five per cent. increase in attendance in every Sunday School. This can easily be done if every worker will put forth a special effort and continue his efforts until the close of the service on CHILDREN'S DAY.

We must not neglect the children, but cause them to feel that we are interested in them, and that we are depending on them to take our places and carry forward this great work to which God has called us.

Some of the greatest Christian workers gave their hearts to the Lord when they were young. Their lives became a blessing to thousands.

Systematic canvass should be made of the territory on which your Sunday School is situated for every boy or girl who does not attend Sunday school. Invite them in and insist on their attending. Come one and all, both great and small.

SPANISH TRACTS

A word to our Spanish members and friends, we are printing some new tracts in Spanish and have some others on hand. A list of which we will give below:

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If you live among Spanish people you should order a good supply of the Spanish tracts and distribute them among them and see how much they will enjoy reading these tracts in their own language.